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organization from municipal bodies through the various strata of scholastic and charitable societies. In the same week he has responded to the bestowal of the freedom of a conservative municipality, (handed to him in a gold basket) greeted societies of Welshmen, received a degree from a university, stirred to enthusiasm a meeting of dock laborers on the Thames, and gained kid-gloved applause from a committee of peeresses engaged in war work.

War to the Hilt.

The Hughes platform, roughly put has been this: "War to the hilt against the Germans, both on the battlefield, and in the field of trade. Commercial union within the British empire, and closer union, with a share for the colonies of making decisions on imperial questions that concern them."

The reason a colonial statesman could become a leader over night in the mother country was that there were currents of thought, and agitations, which were waiting for leadership. They wanted only a spokesman. They had advocates in the newspapers, but not among the weighty men in parliament, or in public life outside Westminster. While the war has enormously changed and focused the work of the government, and rallied and brought together much of the latent power in a slow-moving people, it has not changed the tone of the statesmanship, nor the conservatism with which the heavy guns of the coalition cabinet cling to what they deem the high traditions of British public life. They have denounced the present enemies of the country, but have denounced them with dignity, and with care to avoid what they would consider exaggeration. Many burning patriots accuse the government of handling vital matters too delicately. The up-to-date newspapers read by millions, notably the Northcliffe press, assert that mysterious influences work to shield German interests in Great Britain. "Ginger" groups have been formed by members of both parties in parliament, but these groups have had no weightier leadership than that of Sir Edward Carson and Winston Churchill, both of whom are popularly rated brilliant but unstable guides.

Invited by Government.

Mr. Hughes came to England by invitation of the government to confer on war matters. Australia and Canada have furnished fighting forces so large and so good that the cabinet felt that they should have a larger voice in the direction of affairs than the old machinery gave them. Hughes did not regard himself as in any way a visitor, nor an outsider, or a "colonial." In his first speech he took this position of a member of the family. This is the British empire; my people are a part of it. I am one of you with all the rights and privileges of a member of the firm. This was the tone of his first speech, and the same tone has permeated all of them. He advocated policies, and he denounced policies. He scattered admonition and advice with a liberal hand. While he did not directly attack the government he was soon acclaimed as the chief "Gingerer." He asserted that he had driven German trade from Australia, and he proposed a plan for keeping the key industry of smelting; which is of equal importance to Australian mining industry and British consumer, in the hands of British companies.

Naturally the people who think as Mr. Hughes thinks crowded around him. The newspapers which are for "ginger," and the protectionist journals, took him up and played him for all he was worth. When the commercial conference of the entente powers held in Paris was being arranged the Hughes press insisted that the Australian should go as a British delegate, and he was sent. Now that he is about to return home enthusiasts declare that the government should ask him to remain in England as a sort of free-lance adviser. "No blooming fear!" the Cockney would say. The departure of Mr. Hughes will be celebrated with some signs of relief. His campaign has not proceeded without exciting criticism and antagonism, although uttered in very considerate accents. This has come from two sources, those who dissent from the measures which Hughes proclaimed, and a certain few irritated that a colonial statesman should offer advice so freely to the mother country. One indictment was for

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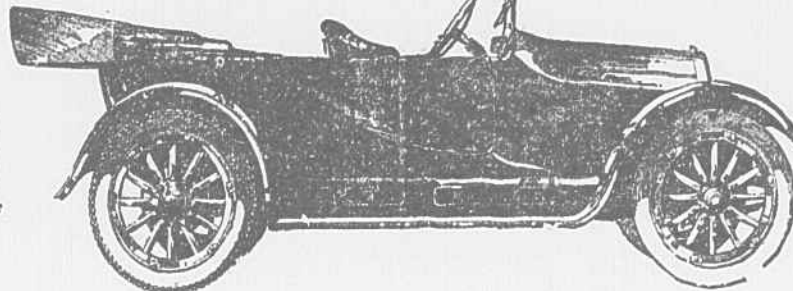
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LONDON, July 12.—Seldom in the recent history of English-speaking peoples, and perhaps never in the memory of Britain, has any politician almost unknown to the general public made so swift a conquest of the imagination and the enthusiasm of the masses as William Morris Hughes, the prime minister of Australia. Only the sudden achievement of William J. Bryan after his "Crown of Thorns, and Cross of Gold" speech before the Chicago convention twenty years ago gives a parallel in America.

Last year Hughes was known to the United Kingdom as a colonial premier, one of a list of over-seas statesmen or politicians, with Borden, Fisher, Laurier and Ward, men whose names are familiar to Englishmen, whose personalities are merely vague shadows in the public mind. These colonial leaders always were treated with formal respect when they visited the mother country. A few public dinners and receptions, perhaps a knighthood, and a decoration and a university degree were given them. But outside the official world a general who had conducted one of England's "little wars," or an explorer who had written some new names across the map, was more of a personage.

A Yankee-Like Welshman.

story of the most interesting civilian of the year in England. The self-made, Yankee-like Welshman, the self-schooled workman, protectionist, labor unionist, socialist, is now leaving the old country after a visit of four months, and is leaving a popular following comparable only to that commanded by another self-made Welsh politician, Lloyd George. The only reason Hughes has not made more public speeches, attended more banquets arranged to do him honor, given more newspaper interviews, received the freedom of more cities, addressed more chambers of commerce, and accepted degrees from more universities, has been that his time was crowded to the utmost with such functions, and that his voice and his frail body succumbed at an early stage of the ordeal and compelled him to retire for some weeks to a sanatorium.

The oratorical output of the Australian prime minister has compared favorably with the efforts of an American presidential candidate of the most heroic stuff. The number of addresses, large and small, which the newspapers have reported stretch well over a hundred. At Liverpool, Manchester, Edinburgh and other great provincial cities, such crowds have welcomed his arrival as few public men in civil life have seen since the famous electrifying tours of Gladstone during his most popular years. He has made speeches before every type of public and private or-

"approaching great and complex questions loosely and grandiloquently." Hints have been dropped that he was neglecting his own work in Australia.

Is Thin and Pale.

"The Australian Abraham Lincoln," as Hughes has been called, whose life spans only fifty-two years, and who has risen in thirty-two years from the status of an humble emigrant to sit around the council table as a privy councillor, is anything but a strong man physically. He is thin, and pale, with a face resembling Robert Louis Stevenson's, but with the fire and energy which often glow in a frail body. His career has been a hard working one. An old Australian friend in London remembers him keeping a little umbrella-mending shop in Sydney, and always with a book before him—some work of economics or philosophy, something in the line of Henry George or Herbert Spencer. His first noteworthy political enterprise was the organization of the unskilled workers on the Sydney docks. He advocated compulsory military service as early as 1901, and made it a plank of the Labor party platform. As the head of the great state which has most nearly approached Socialism, his views on that system are interesting. His belief is that the growth of private monopolies narrows the issue to "co-operation for the benefit of the few versus co-operation for the benefit of the many."

The Hughes orations are more after the American than the British model. Compared with the classic Oxford nurtured and precise, diction of an Asquith, his style is as a Welsh chapel exhorter to the Church of England ritual. It was because much of the country was in a mood for some prophetic words that Hughes has been welcomed and acclaimed. He may be a portent of the leadership, the nation will demand after the war.

"I like Bill Hughes because he takes the big view," says labor leader Ben Tillett. Certainly he has given the United Kingdom a fresh and stirring view. Books of his life and books of his speeches are in all the shop windows; postcard portraits are displayed with those of royalty, of generals and admirals and popular actresses. His name has been sprinkled through the pages of the newspapers the last month more profusely than any other except Kitchener's. His position may prove permanent, or the sober second thought of the people may write down the "Big View" where the most sober and non-political journals has written it, as a "jumble of fallacies." But while the bushranger-umbrella mender—prime minister embarks for his colony, with his university parchments and his golden caskets in his modest trunk, the remarkable part he has played in making the old country sit up seems worth recording.

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